

In the Specification:

Page 1, lines 25-27, delete "The invention achieves this object by means of the features contained in the characterizing clause of claim 1. It was shown surprisingly that a" and insert --This and other objects are achieved by the-- therefor;

Page 1, line 28 delete "having these features" and insert --disclosed that-- therefor;

Page 2, lines 15-16, delete "having the features contained in the pre-characterizing clause of Patent Claim 1";

Page 2, lines 21-22, delete "the features contained in the characterizing clause of Patent Claim 6" and insert -- pressing only narrow strip-shaped portions of the surface of the blank-- therefor;

Page 2, lines 25-26 delete ", having the features contained in the pre-characterizing clause of Patent Claim 13";

Page 2, lines 29-31, delete "by means of the features contained in the characterizing clause of Patent Claim 13,";

Page 3, line 25, delete "Fig." and insert --Figs.-- therefor;

Page 3a, line 1, delete "Fig." and insert --Figs.-- therefor;

Page 5, line 2, delete "Standard o.b." and insert -- STANDARD O.B.®-- therefor;

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STANDARD O.B.®-- therefor;

Page 7, line 2, delete "menstruation" and insert --  
menstrual-- therefor;

**In the Drawings:**

Please substitute the enclosed sheets having revised  
Figures 5 and 7-8.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1-6, 9, 11, 13-15 and 17-19 as  
follows:

1. (Amended) [Tampon, especially] A tampon for  
feminine hygiene, formed from an approximately cylindrical blank  
which is shaped by winding up a portion of a length of tape-  
shaped nonwoven material, [and the] wherein a circumferential  
surface of [which] the blank is pressed radially relative to  
[the] a longitudinal mid-axis of the blank over an even number of  
at least 6 portions mutually adjacent in the circumferential  
surface [direction] of the [winding] blank, [characterized in  
that only] the resulting tampon comprising narrow strip-shaped  
portions of the circumferential surface [of the winding blank,  
which are] arranged at equal angular distances from one another[,  
are] that have been pressed to produce a preform which[, as seen